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SUBJECT: COPING WITH CYPRUS QUESTION AT UNGA.

REFERENCE: USUN 3152

1. SUMMARY. WE GENERALLY AGREE WITH THRUST OF REFTEL, CLERIDES ALREADY ON BOARD RE STRATEGY, BUT MAKARIOS LIKELY REMAIN OBDURATE. END SUMMARY

2. WE GENERALLY AGREE WITH USUN VIEWS REFTEL BUT HAVE RESERVATION RE PARA 3.

CLERIDES ALREADY FULLY SHARES OUR VIEW ON IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTING ANY UNGA ACTIVITY WHICH COULD UNDERCUT CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS. AS REPORTED NICOSIA 3016 (EXDIS), CLERIDES RECOGNIZES MAKARIOS/KYPRIANOU POTENTIAL (AND PROBABLE INTENTION) UNDERMINE BOTH NEGOTIATIONS AND HIS OWN POSITION BY UNGA GRANDSTANDING.

3. HARSH FACT IS, THOUGH, THAT MAKARIOS AND NOT REPEAT NOT CLERIDES WILL CONTRL CYPRUS' REPRESENTATION AT UNGA. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 13 THAT MAKARIOS WILL ATTEND. NAMES

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OF GOCYPRUS DELEGATION TO BE ANNOUNCED, BUT FOREIGN MINISTER

CHRISTOPHIDES

HAS REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO ATTEND, TO AVOID GETTING CAUGHT
IN BETWEEN MAKARIOS AND CLERIDES.

4. WE AGREE (PARAS 4, 5 REFTTEL) BEST SECOND COURSE IS TO DELAY
UNGA INSCRIPTION, DISCUSSION CYPRUS ITEM AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.
WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT BELIEVE GENERAL DEBATE WILL
SATISFY MAKARIOS'S PUSH FOR FULL "INTERNATIONALIZATION"
AS WAY TO DERAIL BOTH CLERIDES AND PRESENT TALKS, AND KEEP
HIMSELF ON CENTER STAGE. QUERULOUS UNGA DEBATE, PLUS HAGGLING
OVER CYPRUS RESOLUTION WILL GIVE HIM IDEAL MEANS TO PURSUE
THESE GOALS.

5. POSITION OF NONALIGNED GROUP WILL FIGURE PROMINENTLY IN
UNGA CALCULUS RE CYPRUS PROBLEM. TURKS INDEED SHOULD LEAD THE
CHARGE WITH THAT CAMP, BUT RECENT TITO REMARKS MAY HAVE
INFLUENCED SOME NONALIGNED IN WRONG DIRECTION.

6. RE PARA 8 REFTTEL, WE DID NOT INTEND TO INDICATE
SUPPORT FOR ANY REPEAT ANY NONALIGNED INITIATIVE RE CYPRUS PROBLEM.
IN OUR THINKING, ACCEPTANCE OF "STUDY GROUP" MIGHT ONLY BE
CONSIDERED IN EXTREMIS TO PARRY SOMETHING MUCH WORSE.
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